1) Prove the following theorems:

- T20
- T23
- T24
- T25b
- T28a
- T30a

(100 points each)

2) Define  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}$  via  $\varphi(a, b) = a + b$ . Is  $\varphi$  a ring homomorphism? Justify your answer. 3) Define  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Z}_6$  via  $\varphi(a, b) = [a + b]_6$ . Is  $\varphi$  a ring homomorphism? Justify your answer. 4) Define  $\varphi: \mathbb{Q}[x] \to \mathbb{Q}[x]$  via  $\varphi(f) = \frac{d}{dx}f$ . Is  $\varphi$  a ring homomorphism? Justify your answer. (100 points)

5) Let S be the ring of all real-valued sequences. Define  $\varphi: S \to S$  as given below. Find ker( $\varphi$ ) and justify your answer.

$$\varphi((s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots)) = (s_2, s_3, s_4, \dots)$$

(100 points)

6) Let R and S be rings with a homomorphism  $\varphi: R \to S$  between them. Find a formula for  $\varphi(a^n)$  and justify your answer.

(100 points)